

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing an antibody fragment, comprising the steps of:

- 1) preparing an expression vector comprising a gene encoding a light chain of the antibody fragment fused with *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative and a gene encoding a heavy chain of the antibody fragment fused with a second E. coli outer membrane protein A signal sequence, wherein the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain is regulated by a single promoter;
- 2) transforming a microorganism with the expression vector;
- 3) culturing the transformed microorganism in a medium; and
- 4) collecting the antibody fragment secreted from the transformed microorganism into the medium.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody fragment is derived from a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody or a human antibody.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody fragment is selected from the group consisting of Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂ and scFv.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the E. coli thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative has the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 and the E. coli outer membrane protein A signal sequence has the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23 ~~wherein each of the first and the second E. coli signal sequences is selected from the group consisting of E. coli thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence, outer membrane protein A signal~~

~~sequence, β lactamase signal sequence, Gene III signal sequence, PelB signal sequence and a derivative thereof.~~

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the promoter is T7 promoter or Tac promoter~~The method of claim 4, wherein each of the first and the second *E. coli* signal sequences is the *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 or the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23.~~

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody fragment is a fragment of anti-tumor necrosis factor-alpha~~The method of claim 5, wherein each of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain is fused with the *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative, and a single promoter regulates the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain.~~

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the expression vector is pms0DLHF_N/S~~The method of claim 5, wherein each of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain is fused with the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence, and a single promoter regulates the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain.~~

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the microorganism is *E. coli*~~The method of claim 5, wherein the gene encoding the light chain is fused with the *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative, the gene encoding the heavy chain is fused with the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence, and a single promoter regulates the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain.~~

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the microorganism transformed with the expression vector is *E. coli* BL21/pms0DLHF_N/S(HM10924) (KCCM-10513)~~The method of claim 5, wherein the gene encoding the light chain is fused with the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence, the gene encoding the heavy chain is fused with~~

the *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative, and a single promoter regulates the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain.

10. (Currently amended) An expression vector comprising a gene encoding a light chain of the antibody fragment fused with *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative and a gene encoding a heavy chain of the antibody fragment fused with *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence, wherein the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain is regulated by a single promoter, and the antibody fragment expressed from the expression vector is secreted into a culture medium~~The method of claim 5, wherein each of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain is fused with the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence, and two promoters independently regulate the expression of the genes encoding the light chain and the heavy chain.~~

11. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 10, wherein the antibody fragment is derived from a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody or a human antibody~~The method of any one of claims 6 to 10, wherein the promoter is T7 promoter or Tac promoter.~~

12. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 10, wherein the antibody fragment is selected from the group consisting of Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂ and scFv~~The method of claim 1, wherein the antibody fragment is a fragment of anti-tumor necrosis factor alpha.~~

13. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 10, wherein the *E. coli* thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence derivative has the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 and the *E. coli* outer membrane protein A signal sequence has the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23~~The method of claim 1, wherein the expression vector is selected from the group consisting of psDLHF_B, psDLHF_Bp, poDLHF, poDLHF_B/S, pmsoDLHF_N/S and pmsoDLHF_S/K.~~

14. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 10, wherein the antibody fragment is a fragment of anti-tumor necrosis factor-alpha The method of claim 1, wherein the microorganism is *E. coli*.

15. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 10, wherein the promoter is T7 promoter or Tac promoter The method of claim 14, wherein the microorganism transformed with the expression vector is selected from the group consisting of *E. coli* BL21(DE3)/psDLHF_B(HM10920) (KCCM-10509), *E. coli* BL21(psDLHF_BP(HM10921)) (KCCM-10510), *E. coli* BL21(poDLHF(HM10922)) (KCCM-10511), BL21(poDLHF_B/S(HM10923)) (KCCM-10512), *E. coli* BL21/pmsoDLHF_N/S(HM10924) (KCCM-10513) and *E. coli* BL21/pmsoDLHF_S/K(HM10925) (KCCM-10516).

16. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 15, which is pmsoDLHF_N/S An expression vector comprising a gene encoding a light chain of an antibody fragment fused with a first *E. coli* signal sequence and a gene encoding a heavy chain of the antibody fragment fused with a second *E. coli* signal sequence, wherein the antibody fragment expressed from the expression vector is secreted into a culture medium.

17. (Currently amended) A microorganism transformed with the expression vector of claim 10 The expression vector of claim 16, wherein the antibody fragment is derived from a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody or a human antibody.

18. (Currently amended) The microorganism of claim 17, which is *E. coli* The expression vector of claim 16, wherein the antibody fragment is selected from the group consisting of Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂ and scFv.

19. (Currently amended) The microorganism of claim 18, which is *E. coli* BL21/pmsoDLHF_N/S(HM10924) (KCCM-10513) The expression vector of claim 16, wherein each of the first and the second *E. coli* signal sequences is selected from the group consisting of

~~E. coli thermostable enterotoxin signal sequence, outer membrane protein A signal sequence, β-lactamase signal sequence, Gene III signal sequence, PelB signal sequence and a derivative thereof.~~

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